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(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses a compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof: wherein X¹ represents hydrogen, halogen, C₁-6 alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C₁-6 alkoxy; X² represents hydrogen or halogen; Y represents a chemical bond, an oxygen atom, or a -NH- linkage; Z represents an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group; R¹ represents hydrogen, hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic group, halogen, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, -OR³, -SR³, -SOR³, -SO₂R³, -SO₂NR³R⁵, NR³R⁵, -NR³COR⁵, -NR³CO₂R⁶, -COR³, -CO₂R³, -CONR³R⁶ or -CR³&=NOR⁶; and Ra and Rb independently represent hydrogen, hydrocarbon or a heterocyclic group; a pharmaceutical composition comprising it; its use in a method of treatment; use of it to manufacture a medicament; and a method of using it to prevent or treat anxiety, convulsions or cognitive disorders.